

Docket No.: 10473-678

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David A. JACKSON, et al.

Serial No.: 09/576,442

Group Art Unit: 2863

Filed: May 22, 2000

Examiner: Stephen J. Cherry

For: SELF-CALIBRATING, MULTI-CAMERA MACHINE VISION MEASURING SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction issued on February 26, 2002, a Request for a One-Month Extension of Time being submitted concurrently herewith, please enter the following into the record.

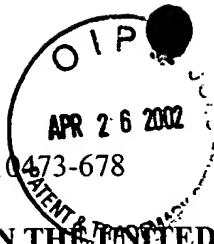
The Examiner has applied a four group restriction, of which Groups I and III pertain to apparatus and method, respectively, drawn to "static distance" measurement (according to the Examiner); Groups II and IV are apparatus and method claims, respectively, drawn to "change in distance" measurement (Examiner's characterization).

Applicant elects the subject matter of Group III, currently consisting of claims 21-35 and 38. This election is made with traverse.

The Examiner characterizes Groups I and III as being related as apparatus and process, but distinct because the process of claim 21 may be practiced by hand. Presumably, the same applies to claim 38.

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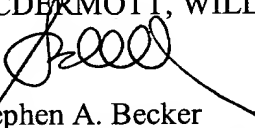
Accompanying herewith is a Preliminary Amendment, clarifying that the process of claims 21 and 38 require computer implementation to perform position calculation or determination. Accordingly, the subject matter of Groups I and III should be examined in the same application.

Applicant reserves right to cover the subject matter of claim groups II and IV in a divisional application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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